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TITLE: Portable and dynamic distributed applications architecture

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ABSTRACT:

A system and method is shown for enabling a plurality of computers and associated computer resources, some or all of which may be of heterogeneous configuration, to cooperatively process various applications such that the execution is transparent to the user regardless of where the application is actually executing. This distributed applications architecture performs an information distribution service between multiple transaction processing systems by working with a transaction processor via communication channels to other hosts within the network and a dialog manager which uses a transaction processor via communication channels to other hosts within the network and a dialog manager which uses a transaction processor interface to communication with the transaction processor. The architecture employs a map service which provides an editor to create the maps for the application panels, a compiler to generate the maps into a linkable form, and a linkable interpreter which translates the linkable form into the screen presentation format for that platform. To distribute an application, the source code for the procedures, views and panels are moved as a block to the new system. This is possible because once the application source code is complete, all application logic, user interface control tables, view definitions, and other application specific tables for one transaction definition are packaged by the present invention in a single load module on the system where the application will reside. The load module is then compiled using the target system's compiler, link editor, and bind process. Thus, all environment-dependant variations of import/export are automatically integrated with the application at load module bind time, requiring no source code changes.

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## ABSTRACT:

A method and apparatus that permits creation, reading and modification of 3GL application programs by SQL requests. A catalog is created by selecting source programs from 3GL application data for which file definitions are to be extracted, identifying specific files within the selected source programs to be processed, extracting appropriate schema from the selected files, and recording the appropriate schema in a catalog. Once the 3GL-specific data schema contained in the application source has been extracted and stored in the catalog, the relational database which is to be based upon the data represented by the 3GL schema is defined and stored in the system catalog so that tables in the relational database may be accessed by a runtime SQL database engine. Further, both 3GL data and relational database data may be modified and maintained with a single tool set. After the catalog is created, the invention uses the catalog to process SQL requests in order to access the relational database representation of the 3GL data by parsing the SQL query request, generating a set of possible execution plans for manipulating the relational form of the data, selecting an optimal plan based upon information provided from the system catalog, and executing the plan by servicing the SQL request for relational data from the underlying 3GL data files described in the system catalog.



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